



# TALK OF THE TOWN

Town of Hillsborough Newsletter: April 2022

## Help Remove Trash Along Roadways

Trash along roadways can end up in waterways, including the Eno River, which is Hillsborough's drinking water source and a water source for Durham.

"Keep Hillsborough beautiful!" Mayor Jenn Weaver said. "Trash has been building up on our in-town roadways and many business parking lots, causing eyesores in our community. Please don't litter, please pick up after yourselves, and if you have a business, try to keep your areas picked up as well."

State roads with high traffic volume and speed, including South Churton Street and U.S. 70/Cornelius Street, are most safely maintained by the Department of Transportation.

Hillsborough Public Works employees pick up trash along town roads when they can spare time but would love the help of volunteers. The town provides safety vests and trash bags and will collect the filled bags after a volunteer cleanup.

To report an area with a lot of trash or to organize a garbage cleanup event along roadways where trash can be



Volunteers collected several bags of trash along U.S. 70A near Tuscarora Drive in February.

safely picked up, contact Administrative Support Specialist Lindsay Rhew at [lindsay.rhew@hillsboroughnc.gov](mailto:lindsay.rhew@hillsboroughnc.gov) or 919-296-9600.



**RIVER PARK ARCH INSTALLED:** The artwork by Jonathan Brilliant was installed in March next to South Churton Street and features wood from the 250-year-old southern red oak that fell on Calvin Street in 2018. The tree was the largest in town and among Hillsborough's first Tree Board-designated "treasure trees." The Hillsborough Tourism Board and Tourism Development Authority contributed \$10,000 toward the \$25,000 project, which also was financially supported by the Mary Duke Biddle Foundation, the Hillsborough Arts Council and the Orange County Arts Commission. Orange County and the town also assisted with the project that is on county property.

## Spotlight

The town now has a NASSCO-certified inspector on staff. Utility Mechanic II Thomas Smith recently earned additional certification for the inspection and assessment of sewer lines, manholes and sewer laterals.



The certification, issued by the former National Association of Sanitary Sewer Companies, enables Smith to properly and consistently code sewer defects with the town's sewer camera while assessing defects in the sewer system and prioritizing them for repair.

## Bryant Bailey to Retire After More Than 25 Years

Bryant Bailey retires this month after serving the Town of Hillsborough for more than 25 years.

Bailey began reading water meters for the town in 1996. In 2011, he became a utility maintenance technician I; and in 2015, he was promoted to utility maintenance technician II. In his time with the town, he has helped maintain the stations that pump wastewater to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He also has located water meters that people couldn't find in an emergency, during the day and at night.

"It has been a pleasure to work with Bryant over the years," Utility Maintenance Supervisor Al Robertson said. "Bryant has always been willing to work at whatever



he is asked to do. He has done a great job."

Bailey said he enjoys helping people and hopes town employees continue to call him when they need help locating a meter.

"Bryant Bailey has been a faithful and dependable public servant in the Collection and Distribution Division for several years, safely working in the most unsanitary and challenging conditions to provide customers and the environment the cleanest water," Utilities Director Marie Strandwitz said. "His historical knowledge of our systems and of the town utility operations as well as his quick-witted humor and team spirit will be missed. I wish him the very best in his retirement!"

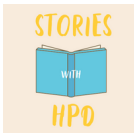
Bailey's last day will be April 29.

## Reminders

**Gravel driveways** — Please sweep gravel carried into roadways back onto your driveway after heavy rains. The town has an ordinance requiring property owners to do so.



**Stories with HPD** — Hillsborough police officers are reading children's books at the library the third Wednesday of the month. Sign up for a 30-minute session from 4 to 6 p.m. by calling the library at 919-245-2532.



**Holiday** — The Town of Hillsborough offices will be closed

April 15 to observe Easter. Friday garbage routes will be collected Monday, April 18.

**Bulk items** — Bulk items will be collected April 11-14. Collection is the second full week of the month, with the week starting on Sunday. See the Garbage Collection page on the town website for more information.

**Egg Hunt for Dogs** — The Hillsborough Police Department's Doggie Easter Egg Hunt will take place at 10 a.m. April 16, in Gold Park, 415 Dimmocks Mill Road.



**State helps with water bills** — The N.C. Department of Health and Human Services helps families pay water bills. Call 800-662-7030.

**Pollinator Garden Workdays** — Help Master Gardeners maintain the Gold Park Pollinator Garden from 8 to 10 a.m. on first Thursdays through October.

**Irrigation** — Spray irrigation can occur between 8 p.m. and 9 a.m. and is limited to three applications per week, totaling no more than 1 inch. Systems must have rain or moisture sensors. Be sure to check systems annually for leaks. See [www.hillsboroughnc.gov/lawn-irrigation](http://www.hillsboroughnc.gov/lawn-irrigation) for more information.

